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In re application of:

OKUNO, Kazutoshi FUKUOKA, Shuichi

Application No.: 09/560,780

Filed: April 28, 2000

For: Method for Identifying Field Resistance of Rice to Rice Blast

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated for 5 months, from September 10, 2000 to February 10, 2001. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$1890.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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